

Most other national news outlets ignored or downplayed the ACORN scandal. Days passed before the network news programs covered the story, and only one out of five Sunday news show hosts asked the President about ACORN last week.

The national media should report the facts instead of ignoring stories that don't fit their liberal agendas.

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN VIETNAM

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. I rise today to call attention to the human rights situation in Vietnam, particularly because today Vietnam will be taking over the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council. I find this development shocking and appalling and unacceptable, especially when we look at Vietnam's human rights record.

Just this past Sunday, the police in Vietnam assaulted over 130 monks and removed them from the Bat Nha Monastery before destroying it. Recently, eight dissidents were imprisoned by the Vietnamese Government for practicing their rights to freedom of speech and expression.

Today, Secretary of State Clinton is planning to meet with the Foreign Minister of Vietnam. I would urge Secretary Clinton to address these ongoing human rights violations in Vietnam and to strongly urge the Government of Vietnam to uphold their promises to respect the rights of their citizens.

The United States must recommit itself to making human rights a diplomatic priority.

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(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, last week at the United Nations, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave a powerful address, challenging those who would deny the Holocaust. Speaking from the podium, he held up the documents recording the Nazis' plan for the eradication of the Jews. He held up the original blueprints of the Auschwitz concentration camp, signed by Heinrich Himmler, the infamous head of the Gestapo. He called out those nations who sat by idly as President Ahmadinejad put forth vague insinuations that the Holocaust was just a phony pretext for the establishment of Israel. Ahmadinejad at other times has called the Holocaust "a lie based on an unprovable and mythic claim," and he's called Israel "a cancerous tumor that must cease to exist."

I applaud our diplomats and those of many other freedom-loving nations for

showing no tolerance for his hate speech by walking out during the Iranian president's tirade. Any nation that denies one of the most horrific and barbaric acts of hatred and murder cannot be trusted to peacefully develop nuclear capabilities.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2892, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXII and by direction of the Committee on Appropriations, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Rogers of Kentucky moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2892 be instructed as follows:

(1) Recede to subsection (a) of section 567 of the Senate amendment (the Detainee Photographic Records Protection Act).

(2) Insist on subsections (b) and (c) of section 552 of the House bill (regarding the inclusion of individuals detained at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on the No Fly list and the prohibition on the provision of immigration benefits for such individuals).

(3) Recede to the Senate position on subsections (a) and (d) of section 552 of the House bill (regarding certain threat assessments and the transfer of individuals detained at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the United States).

(4) That they shall not record their approval of the final conference agreement (as such term is used in clause 12(a)(4) of rule XXII of the Rules of the House of Representatives) unless the text of such agreement has been available to the managers in an electronic, searchable, and downloadable form for at least 72 hours prior to the time described in such clause.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XXII, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The motion to instruct conferees is very simple. Madam Speaker. It would prohibit the transfer of Gitmo prisoners to the United States. It ensures the detainee pictures are never made public, and it mandates the conference report is made public at least 72 hours before being considered on the floor. It's that simple. And that's exactly

what the Homeland Security appropriation bill is all about, protecting the American people from all threats, including the warped intentions of terrorists and radical extremists.

Let me state my sincere gratitude to Subcommittee Chairman DAVID PRICE for listening to the views of the minority during all of these proceedings, during our preconference deliberations especially over the last few weeks. I truly appreciate his bipartisanship and consideration of our concerns.

Madam Speaker, this motion strengthens the House bill's current restrictions on Guantanamo Bay detainees by ensuring their names have been put on the No Fly List and by clearly prohibiting their transfer to the United States for whatever reason. For 9 months, the Obama administration has insisted the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be shuttered within the year. But what have we seen during that time in preparation for that? Absolutely nothing, no plan, no idea of how to proceed, no instructions to the Congress, no instructions to the public about where these prisoners would be moved to.

Now we read in the press that the administration is thinking of releasing up to 75 of the detainees there. Where will they go? Europe, Fiji, maybe somewhere closer. Maybe in Michigan, maybe in Kansas, maybe somewhere else in the U.S. Who knows. Certainly the Members in those districts in the U.S. don't know. So this motion prohibits the granting of any immigration benefit for any reason to these detainees. Without such a benefit, there is no legal way to bring these terrorists to American soil and in our constituents' backyards. That means these terrorists cannot be granted the same constitutional rights as American citizens. After all, these detainees are enemy combatants caught on the battlefield. They are not common criminals, and they should not be granted legal standing in our criminal courts by bringing them onto U.S. soil.

From my point of view, we can't waiver on this issue, nor can we be weak. There is no reason these terrorists, who pose a serious and documented threat to this Nation, cannot be brought to justice right where they are in Cuba at Guantanamo Bay. If we want to try them, there is the place. I certainly think that that is where the American people stand on this issue as well. They don't want these terrorists in their hometowns, inciting fellow prisoners in our prisons, abusing our legal system and terrorizing their communities.

In addition, Madam Speaker, this motion insists upon the Senate's language prohibiting the release of detainee pictures, language unanimously adopted in the Senate, supported by this Chamber in June and endorsed by President Obama himself by way of his letter to the Senate on July 29. In that letter, I think the President said it best himself: "Nothing would be gained